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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT BRIEFED ON ANGLO-AMERICAN
RHODESIAN INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 209162

1. I BRIEFED MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH ON ANGLO-AMERICAN RHODESIA/ZIMBABWE PROPOSALS SEPTEMBER 5, USING TALKING POINTS REFTEL AND COVERING AT LENGTH OWEN LAW AND ORDER STATEMENT. IN INTRODUCTION AND AT SEVERAL POINTS IN PRESENTATION, I UNDERSCORED CLOSE US-UK COOPERATION AND FULL U.S. SUPPORT FOR BRITISH WHITE PAPER AND BRITISH PROPOSALS. I LEFT WITH PRESIDENT FRENCH TRANSLATION OF MAIN BODY OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER, PLUS ENGLISH TEXTS OF WHITE PAPER, THREE ANNEXES, AND OWEN LAW AND ORDER PRESENTATION.

2. PRESIDENT LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, NODDING APPROVAL FROM TIME TO TIME. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION RE REACTION OF FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS, I NOTED (A) JOINT PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON AND REFLECTED THOSE CONVERSATIONS, (B) I HAD NO INFORMATION ON REACTION OF OTHER FRONT LINE LEADERS, AND (C) US AND UK HAD CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITH NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT, THAT GON
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APPREARED TO BE SUPPORTING ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, AND THAT NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE IS CURRENTLY VISITING FRONT LINE LEADERS, APPARENTLY IN SUPPORT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORT.

3. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND FOR DOCUMENTATION (WHICH HE SAID HE INTENDED TO READ IN TOTO, AND GAVE IMPRESSION HE PLANNED TO TAKE HOME WITH HIM FOR THAT PUR-

POSE). NOTING COMPLEXITY AND DETAIL OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, HE CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM COMMENT ON ANY INDIVIDUAL ELEMENT, BUT OBSERVED (A) THAT INITIATIVE WAS QUITE CLEARLY A THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED, CAREFULLY CRAFTED SET OF PROPOSALS, AND (B) THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD DEMONSTRATED THEREBY THEIR COMMITMENT AND THEIR SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE, FACT WHICH WOULD BE NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE APPROVAL THROUGHOUT AFRICA.

4. FOR DAKAR: PLEASE INFORM (NON-RESIDENT) BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA (AND SENEGAL) POWELL-JONES OF MY PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT, NOTING IN PASSING DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CALLED FOR US REPS TO ACT ALONE WHERE BRITISH ARE UNREPRESENTED.

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